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SUBJ: FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS: AUSTRALIAN INTENTIONS

REF: STATE 119542

1. WITH REGARD TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN FINAL SENTENCE PARA 2 REFTEL, EMBASSY INFORMED HMAS SYDNEY STILL IN PORT IN AUSTRALIA BUT THAT IT HAS BEEN REPLACED BY HMAS SUPPLY AS AUSTRALIAN SHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN DEMONSTRATION CONNECTED WITH FRENCH TESTS. HMAS SUPPLY HAS JUST COME OUT OF REFITTING AND IS BEING HEPA ON STANDBY BASIS IN PORT OF SYDNEY FOR POSSIBLE DISPATCH TO TEST ZONE. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, SUPPLY WOULD SUPPORT NEW ZEALAND FRIGATE ONCE FRIGATE IS SENT TO TEST AREA.

2. AUSTRALIAN PAPERS REPORT ALSO THAT NEW ZEALAND FRIGATE CANTERBURY HAS BEEN REPLACED BY FRIGATE OTAGO AS SHIP TO BE SENT TO TEST ZONE. PAPERS ALSO REPORT, HOWEVER, THAT DECISION ABOUT SENDING FRIGATE WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL VERDICT OF INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE ON NEW ZEALAND'S APPLICATION FOR AN INJUNCTION AGAINST TESTS HAS BEEN GIVEN.

3. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOWUP AND PROVIDE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON POINTS RAISED REFTEL.

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